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Title: RAPID PHARMACEUTICAL COMPONENT SCREENING DEVICES  
AND METHODS

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: